

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 607  
By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Jeff Chandler and the Trimble Junior High School boys' basketball team on winning the TNT State Invitational Tournament.

WHEREAS, with exceptional poise, exemplary determination, and rare skill, the great 1997-1998 Trimble Junior High School boys' basketball team, who are a source of tremendous pride for their school and community have won the tough TNT Class A Junior High School State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious tournament was held at the Springfield Middle School gymnasium; and

WHEREAS, in the preliminary rounds of the tournament, the Demons were dominant, easily beating Franklin-Benton Hall 58-22 and Lobelville 54-21; and

WHEREAS, in semifinal action, Trimble worked the inside-outside game to perfection and rallied in the fourth quarter to defeat Nashville St. Vincent De Paul 55-44; and

WHEREAS, in the TNT finals, held on February 21, 1998, the Demons crushed previously unbeaten Ramer 54-39 to capture what is believed to be the first junior high school basketball title ever won by a county team; and

WHEREAS, Trimble completed their memorable season with an excellent 18-3 record, an enviable winning percentage of .860; and

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WHEREAS, highly regarded and respected Coach Jeff Chandler has done an impressive job of teaching his players the virtue of hard work and how to maximize their talents; and

WHEREAS, the team leaders, who each played with confidence and inspired confidence in their teammates, were: sharpshooters James Sieber, Chuck Sieber, Jon Morris and Adam Alkishawi; who were chosen first team All-State-Tournament and Josh Medley and Chris Myers, who earned second team All-State Tournament honors; and

WHEREAS, each of the other players made a significant contribution to the success the team enjoyed. They were: Bryan Paul Jett, Drew Williams, Bryce Pope, John Young, Eric Young, Dave Hudson, Allen Ownby, Chad Wilson, Brandon Wagster, and Ross Pope. The hard-working manager was Ryan Chase; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor and congratulate a team that has meant so much to their school, their community and to athletic competition in this state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Jeff Chandler and the 1997-1998 Trimble Junior High School boys' basketball team and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.